

# HOUSE BILL 534

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Montgomery County Delegation**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County and Montgomery County – Polling Places – Electioneering**  
3 **Boundaries**

4 **MC 19–11**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the location of the line beyond which electioneering is~~  
6 ~~prohibited outside a polling place in Montgomery County~~ *specifying that, in*  
7 *Carroll County and Montgomery County, the line beyond which electioneering is*  
8 *prohibited outside a polling place may be established within a certain range on*  
9 *the approval of the county board of elections;* and generally relating to  
10 electioneering at a polling place in Carroll County and Montgomery County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Election Law

13 Section 16–206

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2010 Replacement Volume)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Election Law**

6 16–206.

7 (a) A person may not:

8 (1) place any distinguishing mark on the person's own or another  
9 person's ballot for the purpose of identifying the ballot;

10 (2) misrepresent the person's ability to mark a ballot or operate voting  
11 equipment;

12 (3) interfere or attempt to interfere with a voter while the voter is  
13 inside the polling room, marking a ballot, or operating voting equipment;

14 (4) induce or attempt to induce a voter to mark the voter's ballot in a  
15 certain way;

16 (5) except for servicing by an authorized person, unlock any locked  
17 compartment of a voting device unless instructed to do so by the election director;

18 (6) destroy or deface a ballot;

19 (7) remove a ballot from a building in which voting occurs, except as  
20 otherwise provided in this article;

21 (8) delay the delivery of a ballot;

22 (9) possess on or before the day of election an official ballot printed for  
23 the election, unless the possession of the ballot is necessary and appropriate for  
24 carrying out the election process; or

25 (10) canvass, electioneer, or post any campaign material in the polling  
26 place or beyond a line established by signs posted in accordance with subsection (b) of  
27 this section.

28 (b) (1) At each polling place, one election judge from each principal  
29 political party shall be designated by the local board and, acting jointly, shall post  
30 signs delineating a line around the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to  
31 that part of the building in which voting occurs.

1                   (2)    **(I)**    [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF**  
 2 **THIS PARAGRAPH, THE** line shall be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from  
 3 the entrance and exit and shall be established after consideration of the configuration  
 4 of the entrance and the effect of placement on public safety and the flow of pedestrian  
 5 and vehicular traffic.

6                               ~~**(H)** **IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE LINE SHALL BE**~~  
 7 ~~**LOCATED AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO 25 FEET FROM THE ENTRANCE AND**~~  
 8 ~~**EXIT.**~~

9                                       **(II) IN CARROLL COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ON**  
 10 **APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL BOARD, THE LINE MAY BE LOCATED AT ANY POINT**  
 11 **BETWEEN 25 FEET AND 100 FEET FROM THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT.**

12                   (3)    The signs shall contain the words “No Electioneering Beyond this  
 13 Point”.

14                   (c)    A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is  
 15 subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more  
 16 than 60 days or both.

17                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 18 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.